

# Preservation of Dignity

FIFTH  
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**HUMAN RIGHTS  
CONFERENCE  
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**SEPTEMBER  
11 & 12, 2007**

A workshop for anyone interested in human rights issues and for committee members to understand the need for and to effectively participate in human rights committees.

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## WHAT?

Human Rights Conference

## WHEN?

September 11 & 12, 2007

## WHERE?

Hilton Indianapolis North  
8181 North Shadeland Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46250  
317.849.6668

## IT'S SIMPLE...ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS REGISTER

Upon registration you will receive a confirmation letter, directions and additional conference information.

For disability accommodations, contact Karen Pedevilla at 800.622.4845, ext. 232, TTY 800.838.1131.

## HOTEL INFORMATION

Registrants are responsible for their hotel reservations. Contact the hotel directly and be sure to identify yourself as a Human Rights Conference attendee to receive the discounted rate of \$93 plus tax for a single or double. A block of hotel rooms are being held until August 19, or until the group block is sold out. To book your reservation call 317.849.6668.

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Member: National Disability Rights Network

# PROGRAM AGENDA

## Day One

8 a.m. - 9 a.m.	Registration
9 a.m.	Welcome
9:15 a.m. - Noon	Keynote Speaker – Dale DiLeo, “Raymond’s Room: Ending the Segregation of People with Disabilities”
10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Break
Noon - 1 p.m.	Lunch (provided)
1 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	Dual diagnosis of developmental/intellectual disability and mental illness – Dr. Steve Adelmeyer, Psy.D., HSPP and Galen Goode, MPA, Hamilton Center
2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Break
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Dale DiLeo – Group Brainstorm and Problem Solving

## Day Two

8 a.m. - 9 a.m.	Registration
9 a.m.	Welcome/Announcements
9:15 a.m. - Noon	Track One: JCAHO Behavioral Health Standards – Merlin Wessels  Track Two: ICF/MR and Medicaid Waiver standards – Sahana Priyanath, CMS, Chris Greeney, ISDH, Adrienne M. Shields, DDRS
10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Break
Noon - 1 p.m.	Lunch (provided)
1 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	Self Advocates – Darcus Nims and Lisa Blansett
2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Break
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Guardianship/Commitment – David Smith, JD and Travis Sandifur, JD
3:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Wrap up and evaluations

# PRESENTATIONS

The 2007 Human Rights Conference, Preservation of Dignity, is an opportunity for those interested in human rights issues to come together and hear from various professionals on human rights topics in their fields.

## DAY ONE

### Keynote speaker

Dale DiLeo will discuss the needless segregation of people with disabilities through labeling, facilities and other forms of segregation. For him, the preservation of dignity is about getting people out of facilities and into the community as functioning citizens, with adequate support.

### Dual Diagnosis

This presentation will clinically address the topic of crisis intervention services for persons who have needs related to both a developmental disability and acute mental health issues. It will follow up with an overview of obstacles individuals encounter in obtaining timely interventions when a crisis service is required. Presenters: Dr. Steve Adelmeyer, Psy.D., HSPP and Galen Goode

### Group Brainstorm and Problem Solving

A brain storming session to follow up on the day's topic of dual diagnosis and how to best provide people with appropriate services.

## DAY TWO

### JCAHO Behavioral Health Standards

An overview of the Joint Commission survey process, emphasizing behavioral health care standards including patient rights, advocacy issues and sentinel events. The focus will be to protect the rights of and dignity of individuals receiving services from Indiana state-operated psychiatric facilities (SOFs) and community mental health centers (CMHCs) in community residential settings, outpatient services and inpatient facilities.

### ICF/MR and Medicaid Waiver Standards

A discussion regarding the federal ICF/MR regulatory requirements related to the service provider's need to ensure, protect and advocate for rights of individuals served in ICF/MR certified settings. In addition, the role and responsibilities of those who serve on Specially Constituted Committees (such as a facility's Human Rights Committee) will be explored. An overview of the Medicaid Waiver requirements will also occur.

### Self Advocates

Consumers will answer the question, "Does the system itself promote dignity?" by discussing their personal experiences in seeking services and whether or not their issues were appropriately addressed.

## Guardianship/Commitment

Questions about guardianship and Civil Commitment often arise regarding individuals with disabilities. The speakers will explain guardianship and civil commitment law, what they are, how they are done and what can and can not be accomplished with them.

# SPEAKERS

### Dale DiLeo

A well-known speaker, consultant and advocate for people with disabilities, DiLeo has provided training for more than 30 years throughout the U.S., Canada and Europe on community inclusion for people with disabilities. DiLeo is the author of "Raymond's Room: Ending the Segregation of People with Disabilities," which focuses on ending the shameful segregation of people with disabilities in community life. He has either authored or edited a total of seven books, all of which focus on the need for inclusion for people with disabilities.

### Steve Adelmeyer, Psy.D., HSPP

Dr. Steve Adelmeyer has worked with children and adults with developmental disabilities for 8 years. He is a licensed clinical psychologist in both Indiana and Kentucky and currently works at Outreach Services of Indiana, developing and teaching training curricula related to psychology. Dr. Adelmeyer is a member of the Indiana Regional Human Rights Committee.

### Galen Goode, MPA

Galen Goode has more than 37 years of experience in behavioral health services. He is currently the CEO of Hamilton Center Inc., a regional behavioral health system in central and west central Indiana. Previously, Goode worked for the Illinois Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities for 12 years as both a social worker and as an executive. He also served as the CEO for the Warren G. Murray Developmental Center, a 380-bed rehabilitation complex.

### Merlin Wessels

Merlin Wessels is an associate director in the Standards Interpretation Group at The Joint Commission. He assists accredited organizations, surveyors, consumers and other individuals in the interpretation of Joint Commission standards. He is also a behavioral health care surveyor for The Joint Commission. Prior to joining The Joint Commission, Wessels worked extensively in the behavioral health field in a wide variety of settings within Illinois.

### Sahana Priyanath

Sahana Priyanath is the lead for the ICF/MR program and assists with all program activities related to persons with mental retardation and developmental/intellectual disabilities. Priyanath is a trainer for the National Basic ICF/MR and Advanced ICF/MR Surveyor

Courses. In addition, she conducts surveys/reviews of Home and Community Based Services Waiver Programs for persons with developmental disabilities and ICFs/MR.

### **Chris Greeney**

Chris Greeney is the North Region ICF-MR Surveyor Supervisor for the Indiana State Dept. of Health. He first joined ISDH in November, 1994 as an ICF-MR surveyor and assumed the supervisor role in 1998. He has served in the mental retardation, developmental/intellectual disabilities and community mental health fields since 1985, working in residential, day program and behavioral healthcare settings.

### **Darcus Nims**

Darcus Nims has been a leader in the self-advocacy movement in Indiana since 1990 when she founded Self-Advocates of Indiana. Currently the president of the Indianapolis Self-Advocates and vice-president of Self-Advocates of Indiana, she has trained and consulted with over 20 local self-advocacy groups. She is a graduate of Partners in Policymaking and is on the board of Back Home in Indiana, an organization that assists people with disabilities in purchasing their own home.

### **Lisa Blansett**

Lisa Blansett has been a peer specialist for Richmond State Hospital since August 2005. As a peer specialist, Blansett advocates on the consumer's behalf, instilling hope and giving support. She is also certified as a Mental Health Educator and Mary Ellen Copeland's Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) facilitator for the hospital.

### **Adrienne Shields**

Adrienne Shields serves as chief of staff for the Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services and has been serving adults and children with developmental/intellectual disabilities for more than 14 years. She has also worked in the private sector in both group home, waiver services settings and community residential services along with managing a case management company. She also served as President of the Indiana Chapter of Professional Case Managers.

### **David R. Smith**

Smith is an IPAS staff attorney who has practiced law in Indiana for 18 years. Previously, he worked for 15 years in a free legal office in Indianapolis where he served as the senior staff attorney practicing in many areas of civil law, including domestic and guardianship law. With IPAS, Smith provides legal representation and support for clients with discrimination and other issues related to disabilities and denial of rights.

### **Travis Sandifur**

Travis Sandifur has worked at the Marion County Public Defender Agency since 2004 and is currently the assistant director for the Misdemeanor/Domestic Violence Division. In addition to his administrative and trial duties, Travis represents clients at involuntary civil commitment hearings.



# REGISTRATION FORM

## HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE 2007

Please fill out and return to IPAS no later than Sept. 8, 2007.

Pre-registration is required for this event and space is limited.

Confirmation will be sent to all registrants. Conference cost is \$20.

**Registration is also available online at [www.ipas.in.gov](http://www.ipas.in.gov).**

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All conference participants will receive a copy of Dale DiLeo's book, "Raymond's Room."

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